

Abstract

The back surface of a semiconductor crystal substrate 102 which has a thickness of about $150\mu\text{m}$ and is made of undoped GaN bulk crystal consists of a polished plane 102a which is flattened through dry-etching and a grinded plane 102b which is formed in a taper shape and is flattened through dry-etching. On about 10nm in thickness of GaN n-type clad layer (low carrier concentration layer) 104, about 2nm in thickness of $\text{Al}_{0.005}\text{In}_{0.045}\text{Ga}_{0.95}\text{N}$ well layer 51 and about 18nm in thickness of $\text{Al}_{0.12}\text{Ga}_{0.88}\text{N}$ barrier layer 52 are deposited alternately as an active layer 105 which emits ultraviolet light and has MQW structure comprising 5 layers in total. Before forming a negative electrode (n-electrode c) on the polished plane of the semiconductor substrate a, the polished plane is dry-etched.